

1                   **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN**

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3                                   **Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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5                                   **St. Croix County, Wisconsin**

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7               WHEREAS, a county must have a certified farmland preservation plan under Chapter 91,  
8 Wis. Stats.; and

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10           WHEREAS, farmers and agricultural property owners in a county with a certified  
11 farmland preservation plan may qualify for tax credits; and

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13           WHEREAS, St. Croix County's 1980 Farmland Preservation Plan which was certified  
14 by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is set to expire;  
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17           WHEREAS, St. Croix County's proposed Farmland Preservation Plan has had  
18 considerable public input from farmers, producers, and local officials over the past 18-months ;  
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21           WHEREAS, the proposed plan identifies the county's goals and policies related to  
22 farmland preservation and agricultural development and identifies farmland preservation areas  
23 and areas identified for development within the next 15 years; and

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25           WHEREAS, agriculture in St. Croix County annually accounts for \$142 million in  
26 agricultural sales, 3,600 jobs, \$532 million in related business sales, adds \$158 million to county  
27 income and pays \$15 million in local and state taxes; and

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29           WHEREAS, the proposed plan identifies Farmland Preservation Areas consisting of  
30 approximately 270,000 acres of agricultural, open or wooded lands that have the most productive  
31 soils as identified by St. Croix County's Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) system and  
32 locally adopted comprehensive plans; and


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34           WHEREAS, the proposed plan identifies 90,000 acres identified as either the least  
35 productive soils under the County LESA system and/or lands planned for nonagricultural  
36 development within the next 15 years in locally adopted comprehensive plans; and

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38           WHEREAS, St. Croix County's population and housing projections through 2025  
39 estimate 27,000 acres needed to accommodate additional residential, commercial and industrial  
40 development in the county; and

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42           WHEREAS, State certification of St. Croix County's updated Farmland Preservation  
43 Plan will allow farmers and agricultural property owners in the County to continue to qualify for  
44 farmland preservation tax credits.  
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46 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors  
47 adopts the attached Farmland Preservation Plan.

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49 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning and Zoning Department under the  
50 direction of the Community Development Committee is authorized to apply to the Wisconsin  
51 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for certification of the St.  
52 Croix County Farmland Preservation Plan.

Offered by Community Development Committee					This resolution was adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on _____
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Steve Hermesen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Campbell, County Clerk
Sharon Norton-Bauman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buzz Marzolf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lorin Sather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Robert Shearer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bill Peavey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I verify that the vote shown above is true and correct.  Chair, Community Development Committee					County Board Vote: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

<p><u>LEGAL REVIEW</u></p> <p>Reviewed as to form on December 12, 2011</p> <p><u>Don Gillen</u> Don Gillen, Assistant Corporation Counsel</p> <p><u>LEGAL NOTE:</u> None</p> <p><u>VOTE REQUIREMENT:</u> Majority of supervisors present</p>	<p><u>FISCAL REVIEW</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> There is a fiscal impact.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There is no fiscal impact.</p> <p>See attached Fiscal Impact Statement.</p>
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